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Identical letters dated 28 June 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to express Israel's strong condemnation of Iran's continued ballistic missile tests and repeated violations of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015).

According to new information that has recently come to light, on 15 November 2016, Iran conducted a clandestine launch test of the Qiam medium-range missile, which is a Missile Technology Control Regime category one ballistic missile, capable of delivering a nuclear payload of 700 kg over a range of more than 750 km.

The intended target for this test was none other than a Star of David, the symbol of the Jewish people. Please find attached a satellite photograph, which shows the target and the crater indicating the impact of the missile (see annex). Such use of the Star of David as target practice is hateful and unacceptable.

The missile launch is not only a direct violation of resolution 2231 (2015) but also clear evidence of Iran's continued intention to harm the State of Israel.

Iran conveyed similar intentions with its most recent missile launches, which were conducted on 18 and 19 June 2017. Under the pretext of targeting ISIS positions, Iran fired six Zulfiqar surface-to-surface missiles and one Qiam medium-range missile at the Dayr al-Zawr region in Syria.

Like the Qiam, the Zulfiqar is also a Missile Technology Control Regime category one ballistic missile. The Zulfiqar missile is capable of delivering a nuclear payload of 500 kg over a range of 700 km.

Following the launches in June 2017, which were allegedly part of the fight against ISIS, Sheikh Hussein al-Islam, an adviser to Iran's Foreign Minister, made Iran's true objective clear by stating: "Israel is the main enemy of Iran. I think [Israel] understood the message ... It now has to worry."

The test firing of these ballistic missiles constitutes yet another flagrant violation of resolution 2231 (2015), which was intended to restrict Iran from launching missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

The development of surface-to-surface missiles with nuclear warhead capability reveals Iran's true intentions not to comply with resolution 2231 (2015).

The Security Council must not shy away from its responsibility to ensure Iran's full compliance with the relevant resolutions, especially on the eve of the briefing on non-proliferation, which will take place on 29 June 2017. The Council

also cannot ignore such blatant threats by one State Member of the United Nations towards another.

Iran continues to ignore its obligations to the international community and to develop its aggressive capabilities, which pose a threat to Israel and to the whole region.

Iran's ballistic missile programme must be stopped. I call upon the Security Council to respond firmly and decisively to these Iranian violations and provocations.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Danny **Danon**
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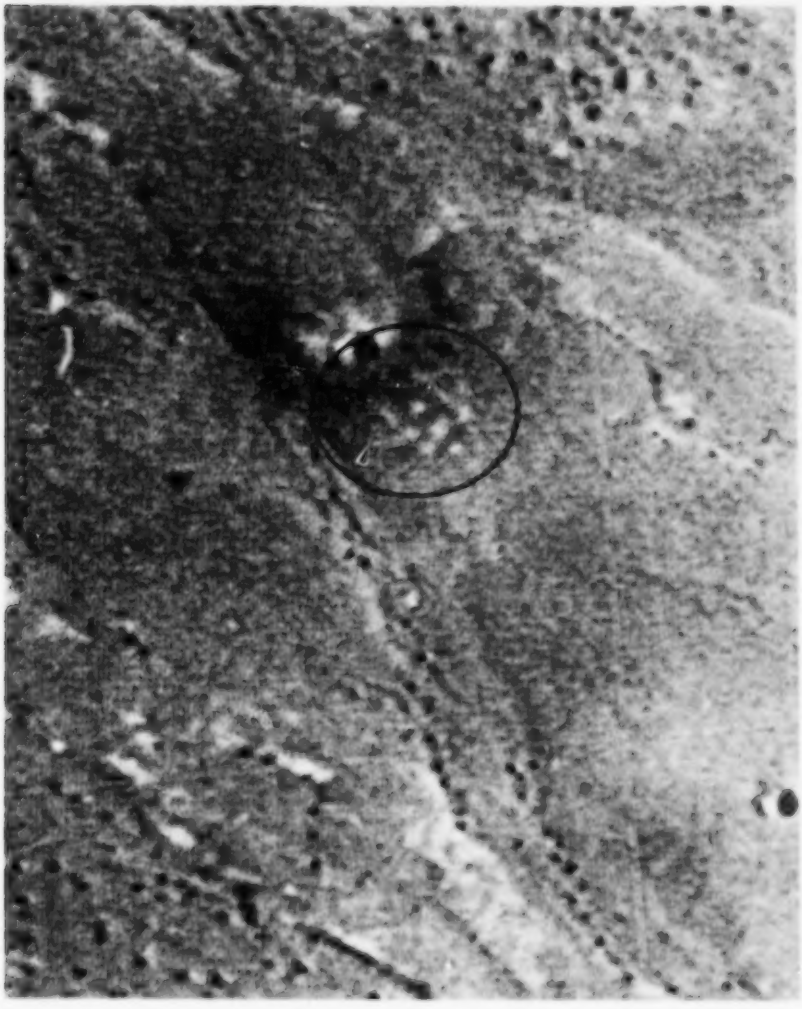

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